

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

May 5, 2005

Representative David Hildenbrand, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Hildenbrand requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltrown and Gillard.

Absent: Representatives Stakoe and Espinoza.

Representative Hildenbrand moved, supported by **Representative McDowell**, to excuse the absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Stakoe and Espinoza.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Gillard**, to approve the minutes of the **April 28, 2005** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

Vice-Chair Hildenbrand proceeded with the introduction of **Dr. Daniel Elden Keathley, Professor at Michigan State University**. **Professor Keathley** gave an overview of the forestry practices in the state of Michigan. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Casperson assumed the **chair**, the time being 9:05am.

The Chair continued with the business of the committee by introducing **Mr. Paul Call**, representing **Weyerhaeuser Paper Company**. **Mr. Call** discussed issues associated with the timber industry. **Mr. Call** also submitted written testimony.* Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:55 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
May 5, 2005
1 Hour 25 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicated printed material attached to original minutes.